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Application No.: 10/764,097

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached replacement sheets of drawings are submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.84 and replace current Figs. 1-14. The replacement sheets incorporate amendments to Figs. 1-14.

In Figs. 1-14, the "stray marks" have been eliminated. In Figs. 2, 6, and 12 the ends of the section lines have been amended. Namely, the letters have been changed to Roman Numerals which correspond to the appropriate views.

In Figs. 4, and 10-13 the cutaway sections have been changed to refer to the respective corresponding figures and the letters and ratios have been eliminated.

Support for these amendments is found the specification and claims.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing amendments, claims 1-20 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 20 have been amended. Figs. 1-14 have been amended. Paragraphs [0028], [0029], [0030], [0032], [0033], [0036], and [0038] have been amended to reflect the changes to the drawings. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-20 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if the minor, formal matters outlined in the Office Action are corrected.

Objections to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(h)(3) because the ends of the broken lines were designated as letters rather than numbers or Roman Numerals and there were “stray marks” on the drawings. Enclosed are replacement Figs. 1-14 that have the required corrections. Applicants respectfully request entry and reconsideration of the enclosed drawings.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under § 112, Second Paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter

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which Applicants regard as their invention. Applicants have amended the claims to correct the minor, formal matters outlined in the Office Action and therefore, respectfully submit that claims 1-20 are allowable.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional, minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-20, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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